

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACTION SUMMARY
Thursday, January 10, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Administration Building – Board Chambers
2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Trujillo. Board Members present: Clark, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley. Directors Engellenner, Goold, absent. Staff: Fire Chief Mette, General Counsel Margarita, Board Clerk Tilson.

PLEDGE TO FLAG led by the Girl Scouts of Tierra Del Oro.

METRO CABLE 14 ANNOUNCEMENT

The open session Meeting is videotaped for cablecast on Metro Cable 14. Replay on Sunday, January 13 at 9:00 AM and Monday, January 14 at 6:00 PM on Channel 14; Webcast at www.sacmetroable.tv. A VHS copy is also available for checkout from any library branch.

**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN
DISTRICT JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA**

FIRE STATION 111

Roger Mitchell, representing the Rio Linda Elverta Historical Society and Lions Club, publicly thanked Fire Chief Mette and the Board for the opportunity to document a photographic history of the new Fire Station 111 from groundbreaking to its completion this coming Saturday at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He stated these photographs would be available to the Fire Chief or Board to borrow anytime.

He provided a historical background and passed around a photograph illustrating “Old Betsy,” a fire engine owned by the District and Rio Linda’s first fire truck, and a 1949 Dodge Power Wagon owned by the Historical Society and built by contract in Rio Linda by a person who later became the Fire Chief. Both of these fire apparatus were the first to stay overnight in the new fire station.

PUBLIC DINING

Pat Monahan, representing Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522, addressed a question by Director Goold on the reluctance of many personnel to dine out in public. This resulted from the previous administration when a Fire Captain was disciplined for going out to dinner. Under the current administration, through meet and confer, personnel are permitted to dine out as long as the Battalion Chief is notified and personnel are dressed appropriately, but we never go out of service.

CONSENT AGENDA:**1. Board Meeting Action Summary—December 13, 2007**

- **Board Action:**
Kelly/Granados—approve the Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL: Directors Clark, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Directors Engellenner, Goold, absent. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM(S):**1. Next Phase of Air Operations Program Development—(Miller)**

- With the new maintenance process in place through DynCorp, Copter 1 is a very safe and effective helicopter in wildland firefighting, aerial observation, and limited hoist operations as a single engine helicopter. In addition, with a full-time Chief Pilot coming on board in the near future along with a full-time Air Operations Manager, our program will advance another step in the process to be a year-round aerial asset. Need to make decisions on upgrading the District helicopter to increase our capabilities.
- Build up costs of Copter 1 are unknown at this time, but it will be brought back to the Board for approval to proceed.

There are always ongoing costs to Copter 1 even without the update.

- Director Granados requested the bid be formulated to consider a tier of the most critical or essential elements. Need cost options to make a decision.
- Discussion included the importance of supporting our basic mission; the upgrade is an enhancement to the present mission function but need to be financially prudent in terms of projections; some component parts on the air frames in storage are usable and have been identified and protected – parts are certified and work on the aircraft is done by certified mechanics.

- Staff recommended the Board of Directors approve the following:

Go out to bid to upgrade Copter 1 to CAL FIRE Super Huey specifications, fly Copter 1 through the 2008 fire season, and prepare for upgrade to start immediately following the 2008 fire season; and

Consider upgrade of second frame in the future to provide depth in the Air Operations program. This will be brought back to the Board in the summer of 2009 for consideration depending on the condition of the budget at that time.

- **Board Action:**

Granados/Clark—approve the staff recommendation. ROLL CALL: Directors Clark, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Directors Engellenner, Goold, absent. Motion carried.

2. Bid Award – Microsoft Software Assurance Contract—(Slobodnik)

Deleted.

3. Resolution No. 01-08 – Industrial Disability Retirement-Fire Captain Michael Berkery—(Baltzell)

- Work-related injury precluding performance of duties in the position of Fire Captain.
- Application filed with the Public Employees' Retirement System.
- Recommend approval; retirement effective June 1, 2007.

- **Board Action:**

Granados/Lawson—adopt the Resolution. ROLL CALL: Directors Clark, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Directors Engellenner, Goold, absent. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS(S):**1. Notice to Expend District Funds—State of California Department of Industrial Relations Self-Insurance Plans Assessments—(Baltzell)**

- The District will be expending District funds for 2007/08 Department of Workers' Compensation User Fund Assessment, Department of Insurance Fraud Investigation Assessment, Self Insurance License, Subsequent Injury and Uninsured Employer Benefits Trust Fund.
- Labor Code §62.5 and §62.6 authorizes the Department of Industrial Relations to assess employers for the costs of administration of the workers' compensation program. Senate Bill 899 (2004) contained provisions to set the employers share to 100% providing a stable funding source to allow the courts to resolve claims more quickly and improve the overall operation of the system.
- The fiscal impact to the District for the 2007/08 year is \$56, 511.48.
- **Board Action:**
For information only.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—(Trujillo) None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—(Mette)

- Fire incident report – 27 working structure and 2 grass fires since the last Board meeting.
- December 20, 2007 – Firefighters from Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, and Cities of Sacramento and Folsom delivered toys to the children at Shriners Hospital for Children on Stockton Boulevard.
- Saturday, January 12, 2008 from noon to 2 p.m. – Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Fire Station 111 at 6609 Rio Linda Boulevard. A parade of fire apparatus will begin at the old Station 111, 6749 Front Street, at 11:30 a.m., ending at the new fire station.

Wednesday, December 19, 2007– Station 111 Appreciation Dinner was held.

- Wednesday, January 23, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. in the American River Room at the Rancho Cordova City Hall – Promotion Ceremony for 22 Metro Fire personnel.

- January 26, 2008 – 1:00 p.m. at Sacramento State University Stadium – Guns and Hoses Football game. Last year's contest raised over \$50,000 for local charities.
- Friday, January 4, 2008 – Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District firefighters responded to 607 emergency incidents in the 24-hour period, to include 97 occurrences of electrical wires knocked down by the high winds in the severe storm.
- Deputy Chiefs of Operations and Support Services to provide brief division reports for inclusion in the Fire Chief's report at the next Board meeting.
- The volunteer members of Metro Fire's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) are seeking a \$60,000 grant from Fireman's Fund to purchase radio equipment and a trailer to assist in educating and training the community with disaster preparedness skills and safety and first aid knowledge. Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi submitted a letter in support of the cause.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT—(Margarita)**COMMENTS—(Monahan)**

- Pat Monahan, Local 522 representative, thanked the Board and Administrative Staff and congratulated the organization on the opening of the new Fire Station 111.
- Station 29 – the building pad is complete and construction will be underway shortly, weather permitting.
- Reported on members suffering from serious health issues with cancer and noted this administration is fully supportive of these people:

Firefighter Jim Peterson
Engineer Rich Coleman
Facilities Technician Steve Borglund

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:**Executive Committee—(Trujillo)**

- Next Meeting: To be scheduled after tonight's meeting.

Communications Center Delegate—(Valley)

- Next Meeting: January 15, 2008 – 10:30 AM

California Fire & Rescue Training Authority—(Goold)

- Next meeting: February 6, 2008 – 10:00 AM

Finance Committee—(Jones)

- Received a report on today's meeting.
Forthcoming workshop in mid-March on goal setting for GASB 45 and the unfunded healthcare liability for retirees.
- Next meeting: February 14, 2008 – 5:00 PM

Policy Committee—(Lawson)

- Next meeting: January 24, 2008.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**Jones:**

- Requested an updated organizational chart for the Board reflecting the changes in personnel with new positions and appropriate names.

Kelly:

- Public service announcement for the American Cancer Society. He attended a meeting last night for the Relay for Life in the Arden-Arcade area. Encouraged Metro employees to put together a team and participate. The firefighters have agreed to help the Building Trades on the barbeque. The event takes place on May 3rd and 4th from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday until 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. The number to call is (916) 203-6601 and Elizabeth Olson will be glad to help.
- Thanked Mr. Mitchell for his continued efforts to preserve history in Rio Linda and the fire service.
- Check your smoke detectors twice a year on New Year's Eve and the Fourth of July. Whenever you change the clock, change the batteries. Smoke detectors save lives.

- Thoughts are with the families of the individuals that Captain Monahan mentioned that are ill.

Valley:

- Need to find out what we are going to do about building a new Comm Center. Everything is outdated. There are rumors that the City is thinking of other alternatives and we may possibly end up trying to decide on going without the City. Contact him with any questions and he will present it at the next meeting.

Clark:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped 2008 is very productive and fruitful for everyone.
- Thanked the presenters, particularly Mr. Mitchell for his presentation on the Historical Society.
- Thoughts are with the people mentioned by Captain Monahan.
- Looking for a safe year for our personnel and constituents.

Granados:

- Thrilled that CERT is going over to Fireman's Fund who sponsor a great number of firefighter activities throughout the United States.
- Received sad news over the Holiday. Cal Webster passed away with cancer. He was the first Captain he worked for in the former Rancho Cordova Fire District and will be missed. Services are planned on January 26 and encouraged attendance.
- The helicopter program was discussed but times are not great with the budget. Need to focus on what is important. Scaling back on little things will help.

Lawson:

- Congratulated the 22 personnel being recognized at the promotion ceremony on January 23rd.
- His family has also been affected by cancer. His sister-in-law passed away on December 23. Four Board members support a project called "Union Team Donate." Suggested everyone get behind the cancer drive mentioned by Director Kelly.

- Extended his regards to the individuals mentioned by Captain Monahan. We don't know how long we have and suggested the public become engaged in the community and with others. Greet members of the protective services and offer assistance when possible.

Trujillo:

- Thanked the Girl Scouts for presentation of the Colors.
- Thanked staff for their reports.
- Commended the personnel being promoted.
- We have the best men and women in the Fire Service.
- The Board encourages participation from the general public and appreciates any comments.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 6:02 PM

[Taken Out of Order After the Metro Cable Announcement]

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 6:20 PM**CLOSED SESSION GOVERNMENT CODES:**

Report by Assistant Chief Baltzell:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Two (2) Cases

- A. Michael Berkery vs. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
WCAB SAC 0358125 Claim #2006049374

The Board heard medical evidence and gave staff direction to proceed with settlement negotiations.

The Board heard evidence on the industrial disability retirement and gave staff direction to proceed with the Resolution in open session (Action Item No. 3).

- B. Roger Dyer vs. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim #2005041638

The Board heard evidence and gave staff direction to proceed with settlement negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Ray Trujillo, President

Gregory A. Granados, Secretary

Charlotte Tilson, Clerk of the Board